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Clearing house in county will enable local agencies to share information on aid to needy residents

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources released its monthly bulletin last week and in the report county director Ronald Smith stated that the county agency was continuing to operate efficiently despite being understaffed.

"The work of the agency is continuing in a smooth and efficient

manner and the morale of the staff is high in spite of the fact that we are being asked to more work with less help," stated Smith. "Governor Hunt has approved the hiring of 58 more service workers in child welfare and Coffee County has requested one of these positions. In addition to this position, we also need a

child support worker and a food stamp certification worker." Smith also reported that the state had completed an audit of the county's child support collections and found them to be in excellent order. Community Resources director Glenda Smith reported that April was a "busy month and a pro-

ductive month."

"One on one contact was initiated with families with children with behavior problems," said Smith, "and these have been productive and appear to be a useful tool in the future. The parenting skills class at DeRamus Head Start Center was completed last month and I felt it too was very successful. Two different sessions of parenting skills classes were also completed during the working day with groups which the Extension Service was also working with."

"One of the best accomplishments of the month was the fact that a clearing house for information was established with and through the Enterprise Ministerial Association," added Mrs. Smith. "There were several other groups which elected to participate in this project and it was the culmination of something we had been working on for a long time. I feel the clearing house will be very beneficial for all concerned and this office will act as the clearing house, which means that all persons seeking assistance with food, rent, utility bills, etc., will be cleared through this office and a file will be kept on the services rendered and by what agency. We hope this will prevent duplication of services."

Service Unit supervisor Catherine Hansen reported that during the month of April her department had investigated a total of 25 cases of abuse, with the cases including 10 physical, 6 sexual and 9 neglect. Adult abuse/neglect cases numbered three.

Open cases reported included 14 adoptions, 45 foster care, 26 day care homes, 15 foster homes (approved), 16 foster homes (inquiries), 94 child protective services, 87 adult protective services and 34 Medicaid waivers.

May was declared as "Foster Care Month" in the state and during the month the county honored two special people.

"Mrs. Sue Pryor and her husband, Rev. Waymon Pryor, have been foster parents for over 10 years and have provided excellent, loving care to many children," according to Mrs. Hansen. "They will go anywhere and travel any distance to see that child's needs are met and foster parenting six children at any one time of all different ages with all different backgrounds and problems is no easy task."

"Mrs. Pryor is very active in foster parenting activities and is also a trainer for other parents," added Hansen.

Natalie Kimble is Coffee County's foster care worker of the year," stated Hansen. "Her dedication is far and above what is required by the agency and is a reflection of a deep personal commitment to help Coffee County's children. Those of us in the agency are fortunate to work with her."

Food Stamp supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in April the agency issued a total of 1,189 households, with the total number in the households being 2,994. The total value of the stamps issued was \$128,181.

Jones also stated that during the month the workers continued to be very busy processing 323 monthly reports and making 311 changes in case records.

"Just because the worker processes 323 cases doesn't mean the worker handles the cases only once," added Jones. "Sometimes the monthly report form is returned to the client as many as six or seven times before it is received as complete."

Child Support and Eligibility Unit supervisor Dianne Parker reported that the child support unit was still heavily involved in the follow up of March's "Project Pay Up" during the month of April. A total of \$39,612.99 was collected in April.



FIRE AT THE NURSING HOME The residents of the Elba Nursing Home were quickly removed from the building Saturday when smoke was discovered pouring up from the basement and staff members realized something was burning. From time of discovery until all residents were safely outside took only 20 minutes with staff and volunteers helping out. More than one resident chipped in and helped also. Former Elba Police Chief Jack Smart, also a resident, often helps fellow residents and Saturday was no exception. Smart was seen helping a less mobile fellow resident out of the building and re-entered to see if he could be of further help. The fire was only a motor burning out and cutting off the electric current ended the fire.

Supt. Crews reports 1987-88 school year was a success because of efforts of all personnel in system

The Elba Board of Education met in special session on Thursday morning, May 26, and handled only routine matters involving the closing of the school year.

Supt. Billy Crews reported that three aides, one teacher and one bus driver were hired after the present school year began with the stipulation that the positions be discontinued at the end of the year.

Crews explained that if the funds were available and the positions needed for the 1988-89 school year the employees would be given priority in filling the positions.

The wording of the official board policy was changed concerning a requirement that teachers without a Master's Degree attend postgraduate courses.

The Southern Association on Accreditation standards state that a teacher without the degree must earn a minimum of six semester hours over a five year period in additional educational classes or the equivalent, while the local board's policy stated that the teachers without a Master's Degree must receive 30 hours of additional study.

The superintendent told the board members that workshops and in-service instruction counted in the accreditation requirements and reported that the system has no teachers who fail to meet the standards.

The board approved the change in the local policy so that it will read as in the accreditation requirements.

Several of the board members stated that they had received complaints about the prom being held outside the city. The members echoed the concerns of the parents involved and expressed hope that in future years the annual event could remain within the city.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be on June 9.

Following the meeting, Supt. Billy Crews stated the 1987-88 school year "was a good year because of the hard work of all personnel."

Crews pointed out improvements at all schools that took place during the year and said he anticipated an even better year for the 1988-89 term.

The lack of a state approved Education Budget is a cause of concern, according to Supt. Crews, but he reported the outlook appears to be bright.

"We are now making plans for the next school year and it is a little hard without a state budget to work with," stated Crews, "but we are looking at last year's budget and feel confident that a new budget

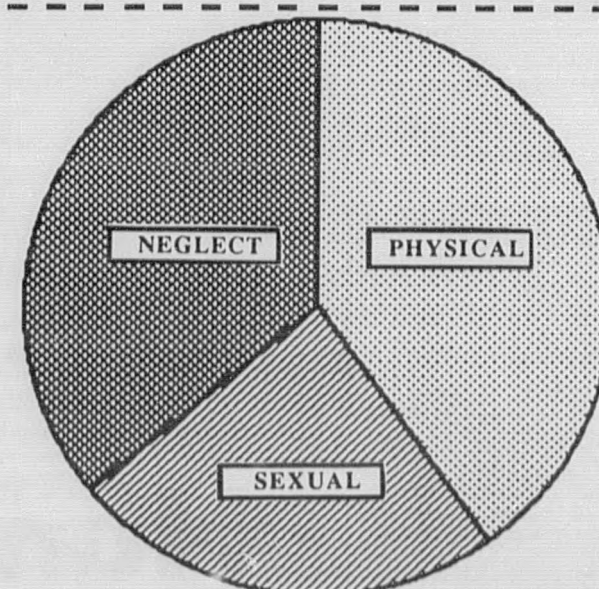
will be approved that we can all live with. Both versions of a budget that were introduced in the last legislative session included increases in revenue in such areas as teacher salaries, replacement funds, maintenance and textbook replacement, and we are confident that whatever budget is finally passed additional revenue will be included."

The superintendent also stated that there was a possibility additional courses would be added to the curriculum for the coming year, with more information expected at a later date.

Unemployment rate dips to 6.8 percent in state

Alabama's unemployment rate declined from 7.4 percent in March to 6.8 percent in April and also measured well below the year ago

rate of 7.6 percent, according to J.G. Allen, the director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.



INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE IN COFFEE COUNTY
Physical - 10 Sexual - 6 Neglect - 9

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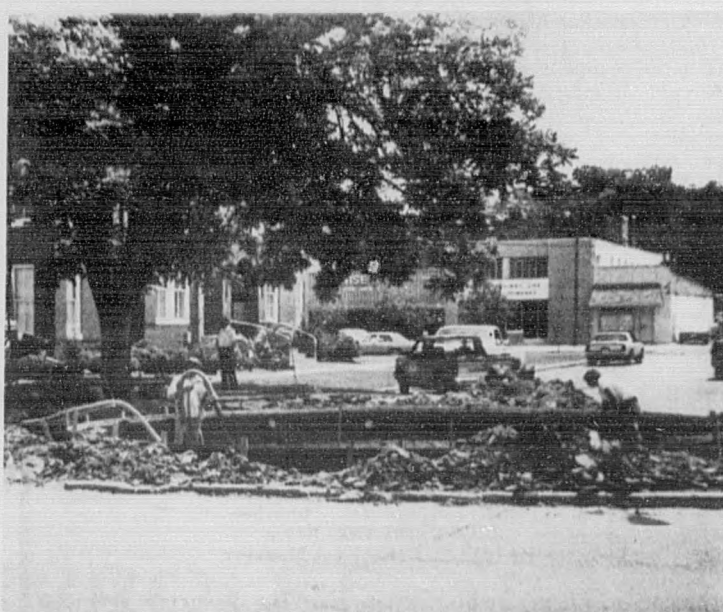
LOCAL RACES ON BALLOT

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	LEON Smart <input type="checkbox"/>
	SAMMY C. Wambles <input type="checkbox"/>
	BILLY Eagerton <input type="checkbox"/>
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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 3 (VOTE FOR ONE)	MALCOM Davis <input type="checkbox"/>
	ROBERT G. Stephens <input type="checkbox"/>
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 4 (VOTE FOR ONE)	MARVIN M. Bowden <input type="checkbox"/>
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FOR CONSTABLE, BEAT 8 (VOTE FOR ONE)	BEN Moates <input type="checkbox"/>
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REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOR PROBATE JUDGE (VOTE FOR ONE)	DWIGHT L. Adams <input type="checkbox"/>
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	JOHN W. McCrummen <input type="checkbox"/>



FLOWING WELL POOL is a step closer to being restored with the pouring of the pool this week. The 33 foot wide pool on the courthouse lawn will be home to a fountain and a school of goldfish. Cost of the project is being funded by donations with the City of Elba and the Coffee County Commission pledging to cover any shortfall in funds.

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Well it is almost election time in Alabama... at least the first round of the primary season. This is one of those times when we must decide if we are Democrat or Republican and not be caught "crossing over." Back on Super Tuesday, we reluctantly voted with the Democrats because we wanted to have the legal right to vote in our local races during this round of the elections. However we ended up with some Republican candidates in most of the races and we would have had a choice anyway. We are going to talk a little about the statewide races, all of them judges races. We can't tell a whole lot of difference in the candidates and wonder how we could tell any difference if they were all honestly deciding cases by the law... using the same English language we use in our writing and talking.

The race for Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court has two candidates, both Democrats. We have decided to vote for Gorman Houston. He is presently serving on the court and will only move into another chair. We have found nothing wrong with his service to date and would rather be safe than sorry.

Place #2 on the Supreme Court has Mark Kennedy opposed by A. W. Bolt. Kennedy is a son-in-law of former Governor George Wallace, who appointed him to office. In spite of the family ties to the appointment, he has apparently done a good job. However, we have decided after the toss of a coin to vote for Bolt. It is kinda hard to put a reason on this, but it is what we are going to do.

Place #4 on the Supreme Court pits incumbent Henry Steagall, of Ozark, against Robert S. Edgington. We know nothing about Edgington, but had made up our mind early on to vote for Steagall, who we could tell by the way, is also a Wallace appointee.

There is Republican opposition to each of the associate justice seats on the Supreme Court. Each race has more than one challenger, but frankly we don't know a single one of them personally nor by reputation. The Republicans will also choose a candidate to face incumbent Democrat Jim Sullivan as president of the Public Service Commission.

Alabama Court of Civil Appeal has two candidates after one seat. Fred Ensen and William "Bill" Robertson. We know Ensen and think he is nice and honorable. He gets our vote. This man is familiar to Coffee County, having served as Commander of the Army Reserve unit in Elba.

There are county commission races, a school board race and one race for Constable on the Democrat side, but all are by district and none of us can vote on anything but the one in our district.

The local Republicans have three commissioner races and they also must decide on a Probate Judge candidate to face incumbent Democrat Marion Brunson.

We strongly suggest our readers study the ballot and know the candidate for whom they are voting. We also beg our readers to find out exactly which district they will be voting in next Tuesday. The districts do not follow anything close to reason, so it is to the advantage of each of us that we look at a voters list or a map of the districts before trying to vote.

Nancy Brunson, wife of Probate Judge Marion Brunson, was talking Monday evening of taking out an ad in the area newspapers, borrowing from an often-quoted author and assuring the public that reports of "de Judge's" early demise were greatly exaggerated. He is in Humana Hospital recovering from an infection, but his voice box ain't so sick but what this news paper has benefited from a telephone call or two from the hospital. Nancy expects him home soon because the hospital staff will have listened to him all they want to listen. Seriously, Brunson is getting better and might be back at work by the time this hits your mailbox.

Sen. Shelby Taking Applications

Senator Richard Shelby announced recently that he is now accepting applications for nominations to the United States Service Academies. Please contact the Washington, D.C. office to receive the Service Academies application packet. All applications should be returned to the Washington, D.C. office no later than Friday, November 11, 1988. Additional material related to a candidate's requirements may be submitted until December 16, 1988.

Candidates must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the State of Alabama. In addition, the Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Military and Naval Academies require all applicants to take the SAT or ACT exams. The SAT is administered on Nov. 5, 1988 is the last test which can be taken if the results are to be received prior to the deadline. SAT/ACT's can be taken more than once and the highest scores will be used. Senator Shelby's application is due November 11, 1988, the last SAT test date is November 5, 1988, and final deadline for support material is December 16, 1988.

Please address all correspondence to:

Senator Richard Shelby

313 Hart Senate

Building

Washington, D.C.

20510

Attention:

Connie Jones

More Socials



Mrs. Stephen Craig Stewart

Miss Cowart Weds Mr. Stewart In Montgomery, April 29th

Sharon Denise Cowart and Stephen Craig Stewart were united in marriage Friday, April 29, at six o'clock in the evening at Frazer Memorial Methodist Church, Montgomery.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cowart of Montgomery. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stewart, Elba.

5 Days Until June 7
Vote and Elect

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I will work for improvements in roads, expansion of community water systems, equal health programs, better schools and household garbage pickup.

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University Of Al. Awards Degrees To Area Students

The University of Alabama awarded degrees at commencement exercises on the Tuscaloosa campus on May 14 and the graduating class included:

Tiffany Harper, Elba, Bachelor of Commerce and Business Administration

Steve Allen Johnson, Elba, Doctor of Philosophy

Nancy Diana Dukes, Kinston, Juris Doctor

Mrs. Rea Young Is Honored On Retirement

Elementary Faculty

The elementary faculty at Zion Chapel School surprise Rea Young with a dinner at Mossy Grove Restaurant May 9.

After a delicious meal they presented her with a gold watch, and she received an engraved gold necklace from the school. Those attending were Sylvia and Densby Lowery, Chris Suley, Sylvia Hudson, Karen Miller, Estilene Helms, Shirley Goodson, Pat Powell, Betty Refflegee, Diane Taylor, Betty McIntosh, Opal Simson, Betty Shipman, Elizabeth Lindsey, Elizabeth Dyess, Peggy Storey, Diane Smith and Lou Ann Bryan.

Uniserv

The Uniserv District 25 of the United Education Profession, entertained Mrs. Young on Monday evening, May 16, with a banquet at The Lobby Restaurant in Enterprise.

The honoree was presented a certificate of professional service for her 32 years of dedicated service.

CC Teachers Association
The elementary and high school faculties met May 26 in the Media Center for refreshments. Gayle Jackson presented Mrs. Young with an engraved tray from the Coffee County Teachers Association.

Evening Of Dance To Be Presented By Sellers School Of Dance

"An Evening of Dance, 1988," the 35th annual presentation of the Dorothy Rainey Sellers School of Dance, is set for Friday and Saturday evenings, June 3 and 4, in the Opp High School auditorium. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

A "Carnival of Dances" presents a potpourri of tap, novelty and jazz dances, and "A Wonderland Ballet" features some of the characters from "Alice in Wonderland" in a beautiful garden of fluorescent flowers.

The Rainey twins, concert pianists, will be honored guest artists again this year. They will play an arrangement of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

There is no charge for admission and the public is invited.



L to R: Mrs. Linda Smith, Mrs. Maurine Morgan (Mother of bride), Mrs. Cindy Morgan Stephens (honoree) and Mrs. Edwina Stephens (Mother of groom).

Mrs. Stephens Honored With Miscellaneous Bridal Shower

A miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Josh Stephens (nee Cindy Morgan) was held May 15 in the lovely home of Mrs. John Robert (Linda) Smith on Oak Avenue in Elba.

Assisting Mrs. Smith as hostess was Mrs. Karen Brooks, Mrs. Vivian Hargrove, Mrs. Jackie Mann, Mrs. Judy Prater, Mrs. Sue Bryan, Mrs. Ethel Henderson, Mrs. Jean Moore, Mrs. Jo Daniels and Mrs. Doris Mallory.

The reception room was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jean Moore.

Mrs. Moore registered guests in a book of memories with a feathered pen. Mrs. Smith invited guests into the refreshment area where they were greeted by the honoree, Mrs. Cindy Stephens; her mother, Mrs. Maurine Morgan; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Edwina Stephens.

The refreshment table was covered with a pink tablecloth overlaid with an Army-Navy cloth and was accented with a floral arrangement

of fresh pink roses.

Shannon Hargrove served punch from a crystal punch bowl and guests served themselves with party delicacies.

Gifts were displayed in the den on tables covered with white cloths.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens were married in Montgomery, where Josh is employed with National Industries, and Cindy with Hobart, Inc. They reside on Sugar Pine Drive.

Miss Hirschy And Mr. Boutwell Set Wedding Date For June Fourth

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell of Ft. Rucker and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hirschy of Michigan announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gwendolyn Eve, to Frank Junior Boutwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutwell of Enterprise.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rosa Marie Garner and the late Joseph David Garner, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Byron Hirschy.

Miss Hirschy is a 1988 graduate of Enterprise High School.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. Clinton Boutwell of Elba, and the late Mrs. Della Benedict of Clearwater, Fla., and the late Mr. Ike Johnson of Elba, and Mrs. Willie Lee Johnson of Elba; and also of Mrs. Blonell Johnson of Kinston.

He is a 1985 graduate of Kinston High School, and is presently employed with Colonial Roofing of Montgomery.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, June 4, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Albertson Assembly of God, Kinston.

A reception will follow the ceremony. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Miss Hirschy - Mr. Boutwell

Brittany Michelle Walker Celebrates First Birthday With Party

Brittany Michelle Walker celebrated her first birthday with a party at her home on April 30. She was one year old on May 2.

Guests enjoyed a clown cake, cupcakes, chips, dip, cheese curls, cheese straws, bacon weiners, hamburger balls, peanuts, punch and soft drinks.

Helping Britany celebrate on her special day were her parents, Steve and Jama Walker; sister, Amy; Mrs. J.C. Lewis Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker Jr., Stan Lewis, Marcia Hatcher, Mrs. George Farris, Brandee and Tiffany; Ann Hall; Sharon and Traci Johnson; Jason and Misty Powell; Comer and Todd Carpenter.

Brittany received many nice gifts.

Samuel is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bradshaw of Elba, and Cecil and Charlotte McDaniel of Tulsa, Okla.

Guests enjoyed cake, punch, chips and candy.

Helping Samuel to celebrate his birthday were:

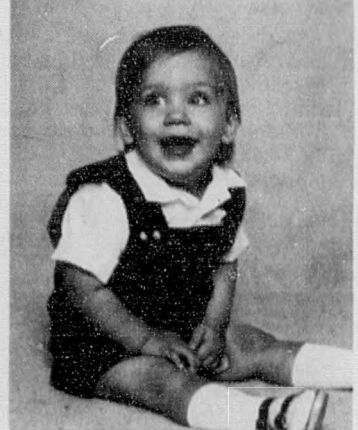
Mom and Dad, Momma and Papa Bradshaw, Aunt Tammy, Uncle Don and Emily of Elba; Lois Bostic, Francis Dean, Momma Truitt and Shannon and Amanda Edwards, Enterprise; and also from Elba: Lisa, Lauren, Leana and Paige Bryan; Betty, Joshua and Lindsey Lawford; Lana and Haleigh Bradshaw; Joy and Kevin Powell; Gloria and Carla Roberts; and Cara and Jared English of Troy.

Youth can get a mixture of fun and learning in Youth College classes offered at Enterprise State Junior College this summer.

The classes meet Monday through Thursday, June 13 through 23, and offer a wide variety of courses for youth. Two different sessions of the classes are offered: one session for students entering grades 3, 4, and 5 and another session for students entering grades 6 and above.

Students registering for 3 or more courses will receive a free Youth College t-shirt. All courses have a \$15 registration fee and are limited to 20 students. Registration deadline is June 6.

Come by the Short Course Office to register or call 347-2623 or 1-800-874-3399.



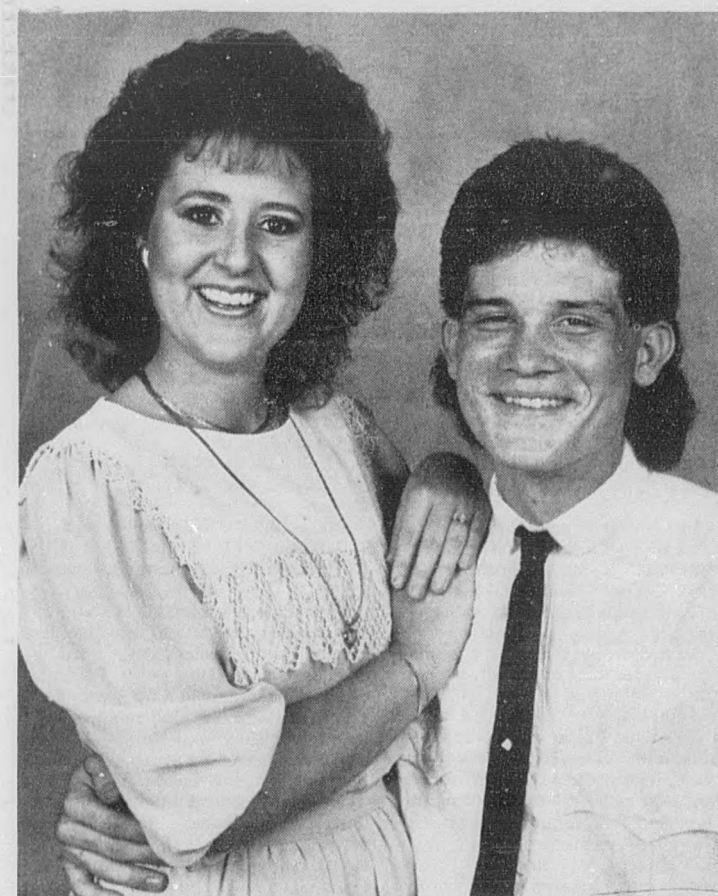
Samuel Pulliam
Samuel Pulliam Is One Year Old



Brittany Michelle Walker

Socials

Miss Averett And Mr. Griswold Plan Wedding For July 9th



Miss Averett And Mr. Griswold

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Averett of Enterprise announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Machele to Darrell Roy Griswold, brother of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Griswold of New Brockton. Darrell is the son of Jerome Griswold of Enterprise and the late Winnie Griswold.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Una Byrd and the late Ralph Moseley and the late Watson P. Byrd of Enterprise, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Averett of Level Plains.

Miss Averett is a 1987 graduate of Enterprise High School and she is now attending Enterprise State Junior College. She is currently employed by PrideCraft Enterprises, Inc. as a file clerk.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Sipper and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griswold, all of New Brockton.

Mr. Griswold is a 1987 graduate of New Brockton High School and is currently attending Enterprise State Junior College. He is presently employed by PrideCraft Enterprises, Inc.

The wedding will be held July 9, at seven-thirty in the evening at Salem Baptist Church in Enterprise. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

American Legion And Auxiliary To Meet

American Legion, Culver Post 42 and Auxiliary will meet for the regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday, June 2) at 7:30 at Legion Home on Troy Highway in Elba.

Special guests will be all delegates to Boys and Girls State from high schools in Coffee County, and their coordinators.

A covered dish supper will be served by the Auxiliary.



Clayton Goodson And Patsy Bell

Bell-Goodson Wedding Set For Saturday, June 11th

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis S. Griffin of Okolona, Miss., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patsy G. Bell, to Henry Clayton Goodson of New Brockton. The wedding is planned for June 11 at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Pleasant Ridge Church, Rt. 1, Elba.

No personal invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Happy Birthday
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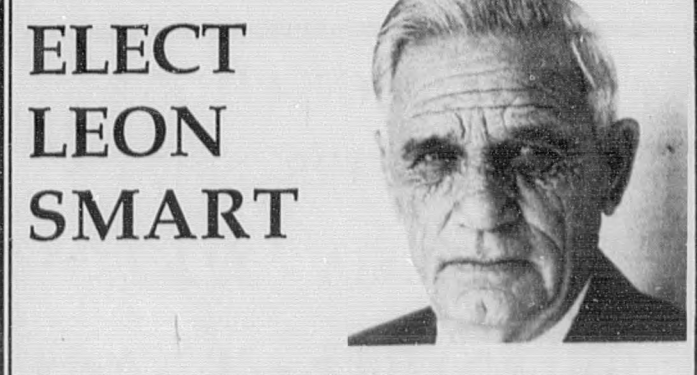
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Lindsey Reunion To Be Held June 5th

The annual John Lindsey family reunion will be held June 5 at the Primitive Baptist Church six miles west of Elba on Highway 84, near Danley's Crossroads.

The pioneer family attended this church before the turn of the century.

Everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch.

New Arrival

Hannah Ruth Houtt

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Houtt of Auburn announce the birth of an 8 lb., 2-oz. daughter on May 24, 1988.

Hannah Ruth measured 21 inches when she was born at 2:30 a.m. in a Huntsville, Ala., hospital.

She was welcomed home by her sister, Marlon Kay.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Houtt of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Burton of Ganit.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Flournoy Whitman of Elba.



Miss Boland And Mr. Blair

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Gaynes Waters had the pleasure of a visit from their daughters, Gloria Jean and Gladys, and granddaughter Adria over the holiday weekend.

Gloria Jean (Trotman), of Wheaton, Md., a graduate of Mulberry Heights High School and Tuskegee Institute, with a BS and an MA from George Washington University, was recently promoted to Deputy Director of Personnel for the Washington, D.C. Superior Courts.

Her daughter Adria will be spending the summer with her grandparents.

Gladys Waters, who resides in Washington, D.C., was recently promoted to Director, United Way Relations, with the World USO.

Her daughter, Gayna, a member of the Elba community, will be spending her summer in the nation's capital.

The future groom is the grand-



Boland-Blair Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jearl Boland of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melonee Leigh, to Michael Dean Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hoston Blair of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Hodge of Elba, the late Mr. S.H. Boland of Montgomery, and the late Mrs. Ade G. Boland of Elba.

She is a 1986 graduate of Elba High School and is currently attending Enterprise State Junior College. She is employed by Dorsey Trailers.

The wedding will take place Friday, Aug. 19, at seven o'clock in the evening at Basin Baptist Church in the Basin Community. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Blazer-Sanders Vows Pledged In Enterprise

Miss Rebecca Lynn (Becky) Blazer and Michael Todd Sanders were united in holy matrimony in a candlelight ceremony at Lee Street Baptist Church in Enterprise on April 22, 1988.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Elden R. Blazer of Enterprise and Mrs. Bobby (Angeline) Pate of Gransburg, Tex.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sanders of Elba.

The Rev. Richard Green officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Guests were registered by Cindy Cherry, aunt of the bride, of Arion.

The traditional "Bridal Chorus," "Wedding March," and "To Me" were provided by pianist Lynn Newsome of Enterprise. Mr. Mickey Counts sang "Let It Be Me" and "We've Only Just Begun."

The selection of "Just You and I" was played while the bride and groom lit the unity candle.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white silk gown with chapel-length train.

The fitted bodice with Victorian neckline was heavily embellished with pearls and sequins. The leg-of-mutton sleeves were covered with Venice lace, and a large bow in the back highlighted the waistline.

The train was bordered by Venice lace and silk illusion net with a lace motif down the back.

Her floor-length headpiece was of sheer silk illusion net attached to a crown of pearls and sequins.

The bridal bouquet was a cascade of white orchids and light pink roses, accented by two long strands of pearls.

Christie Casey of Enterprise served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Michelle Clements, Barbara Brown and Helen Brown, all of Enterprise.

They wore matching light aqua satin gowns of formal length.

Raven Kane served as flower girl. She carried a white basket filled with rose petals with aqua lace bows on each side.

The bride's mother was dressed in a long-sleeve, street-length dress of light blue crepe, with matching shoes.

The mother of the groom wore a street-length dress of peach crepe and matching shoes.

Both mothers wore white carnation corsages accented with baby's breath.

The groom was served by Robert Hines of Enterprise as best man. Groomsmen were Tracey Sanders, Tim Flowers, both of Elba, and Ferrell Drake of Destin, Fla.

The groom and fathers of both the bride and groom wore white long-tailed tuxes with light pink rose boutonnieres.

The groomsmen also wore white long-tailed tuxes, with white, aqua-tipped carnation boutonnieres.

The church altar held a large brass arch decorated with trailing ivy and ferns accented on both sides with large bouquets of white gladioli and baby's breath, with white and light aqua satin streamers.

Atop the arch was a white satin bow with three white dangling wedding better energy. A better future. Efficient. Abundant. Economical.

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Christie Casey of Enterprise served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Michelle Clements, Barbara Brown and Helen Brown, all of Enterprise.

They wore matching light aqua satin gowns of formal length.

Raven Kane served as flower girl. She carried a white basket filled with rose petals with aqua lace bows on each side.

The bride's mother was dressed in a long-sleeve, street-length dress of light blue crepe, with matching shoes.

The mother of the groom wore a street-length dress of peach crepe and matching shoes.

Both mothers wore white carnation corsages accented with baby's breath.

The groom was served by Robert Hines of Enterprise as best man. Groomsmen were Tracey Sanders, Tim Flowers, both of Elba, and Ferrell Drake of Destin, Fla.

The groom and fathers of both the bride and groom wore white long-tailed tuxes with light pink rose boutonnieres.

The groomsmen also wore white long-tailed tuxes, with white, aqua-tipped carnation boutonnieres.

The church altar held a large brass arch decorated with trailing ivy and ferns accented on both sides with large bouquets of white gladioli and baby's breath, with white and light aqua satin streamers.

Atop the arch was a white satin bow with three white dangling wedding better energy. A better future. Efficient. Abundant. Economical.

A large brass candelabra holding 15 candles accented the choir loft. Two heart-shaped brass candelabra decorated with trailing ivy and ferns and each holding 21 candles were



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placed at each side of the arch.

The wedding was directed by Betty Jo Snell.

RECEPTION
After the ceremony a reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

The seven-tiered white bride's cake decorated with pink roses was featured on a large table covered with a white lace tablecloth.

The white staircase on each side held four miniature bridesmaids and groomsmen, and a heart-shaped arch held the bride and groom figurine, while an aqua-colored fountain cascaded beneath the cake.

The groom's table was covered with a navy blue cloth. The chocolate groom's cake held a sailor-and-ship figurine.

Punch was served from a three-tiered fountain.

The bridesmaids bouquets were used as decorations on each side of the table.

After a honeymoon trip to Panama City, Fla., the couple returned to Elba.

The groom has resumed his duties on the aircraft carrier Eisenhower in the Mediterranean Sea, and the bride is residing in Enterprise. They will make their home in Norfolk, Va., after the groom's three-month tour of sea duty is complete in August.

BLEED THROUGH

News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO

JUNE 8, 1978
 ***A 2-week-old chicken with four legs was found in Bobby Boutwell's chicken house, near Elba.
 ***James Wendell Bedsole will receive his O.D. degree from the School of Optometry at the University of Alabama in Birmingham on June 4. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bedsole.
 ***Mrs. Lora King and Mrs. Christa Bizzle retired after 12 years of service with the Elba Elementary School.
 ***Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Wilson honored their daughter D'Aun, from Judson College with a birthday dinner on Sunday, June 4, her 19th birthday. Her guests were Janice Pugh, Judson; Jeff Kelley, Lynn Whitehurst, Richie Brown, and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Helms.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

JUNE 6, 1968
 ***Miss Linda Carol Proctor of Elba, 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ann Proctor of Elba and Mr. C.T. Proctor of Montgomery, was crowned Alabama Poultry Queen in Birmingham last Saturday night.

Greyhound And Southeast Transit (SEATS) Merge

Greyhound Lines and the Southeast Alabama Transit System (SEATS) joined forces recently to provide better public transportation for 11 counties.

The Southeast Alabama Transit System provides public transportation to residents of over 17 communities in Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties.

By connecting their services, the two carriers have created a unique hub-and-spoke network. SEATS will bring passengers from outlying rural areas to the nearest Greyhound Trailways network.

Southeast Alabama Transit System, which started operations in 1980, is administered by the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC). The community transit system provides general public transportation and specialized transportation for the elderly and

THIRTY YEARS AGO

JUNE 5, 1958
 ***L.L. English, owner of Easy Pay Tire Store, has sold his home on Samson Road to Jack Wise, formerly of Rt. 2. Mr. Wise moved in Saturday.
 ***Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stevens announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura June, to Tommy Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Brown of Jack. The marriage will be Friday, June 6.

***Foy Blue was one of those who graduated from medical school.
 ***Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Young and son of Pensacola spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Evie Young.

***Claude Eugene "Pete" Dorsey III and his fiancée, Miss Dixie Hayes of Milledgeville, Ga., are pictured at a garden party given in their honor last week. Also pictured are Mrs. C.E. Dorsey, Mr. Dorsey's grandmother, and his mother, Mrs. Claude Dorsey Jr.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 3, 1948
 ***Cpl. William R. Crook of Rt. 1, Elba, serving with the 9th Air Force at Lawson Air Force Base, Ga., has been promoted to sergeant.
 ***A congregation which filled the Methodist Church auditorium heard Gene Fuller, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Fuller, deliver his first sermon Sunday night. He used the theme "Putting It Off Until Too Late."

***J.E. Edmondson, father of our townsmen, S. Edmondson, died at his home at Fairburn, Ga., Sunday.
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handicapped. The SEATS fleet contains 44 vehicles and carries over 155,850 passengers annually according to Peggy James, executive director of HRDC and SEATS.

For fare and schedule information call the nearest Greyhound terminal. After determining specific travel times, call the nearest SEATS office 24-hours in advance to make reservations for transportation providers in Alabama, seven in Tennessee, seven in Texas, four in Kentucky, two in Virginia, one in North Carolina and one in South Carolina in Greyhound's Rural Connection program.

Area cities served include: Abbeville, Andalusia, Ashford, Clayton, Dothan, Enterprise, Elba, Eufaula, Geneva, Greenville, Hartford, Luverne, Opp, Ozark, Samson, Troy, and Union Springs.

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There are several benefits to re-connecting rural and urban America, according to Fred G. Currey, chairman and chief executive officer of

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 "By linking up our national system with SEATS we provide greater mobility for residents of rural Alabama, thereby improve their quality of life," said Currey. "Better transportation is an essential ingredient of economic development, and it also provides easy access to rural areas for visitors from other states," Currey added.

Through this program Greyhound is returning to its roots, Currey said.
 "We went into business nearly 74 years ago to link two small towns in Minnesota, and grew into a national system by linking thousands of small towns with urban centers."

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Rainer manages First National's Small Business Administration Government Guaranteed Loan Portfolio, a responsibility he has held since 1985 when First National became the only certified lender in the five westernmost counties in north-west Florida.

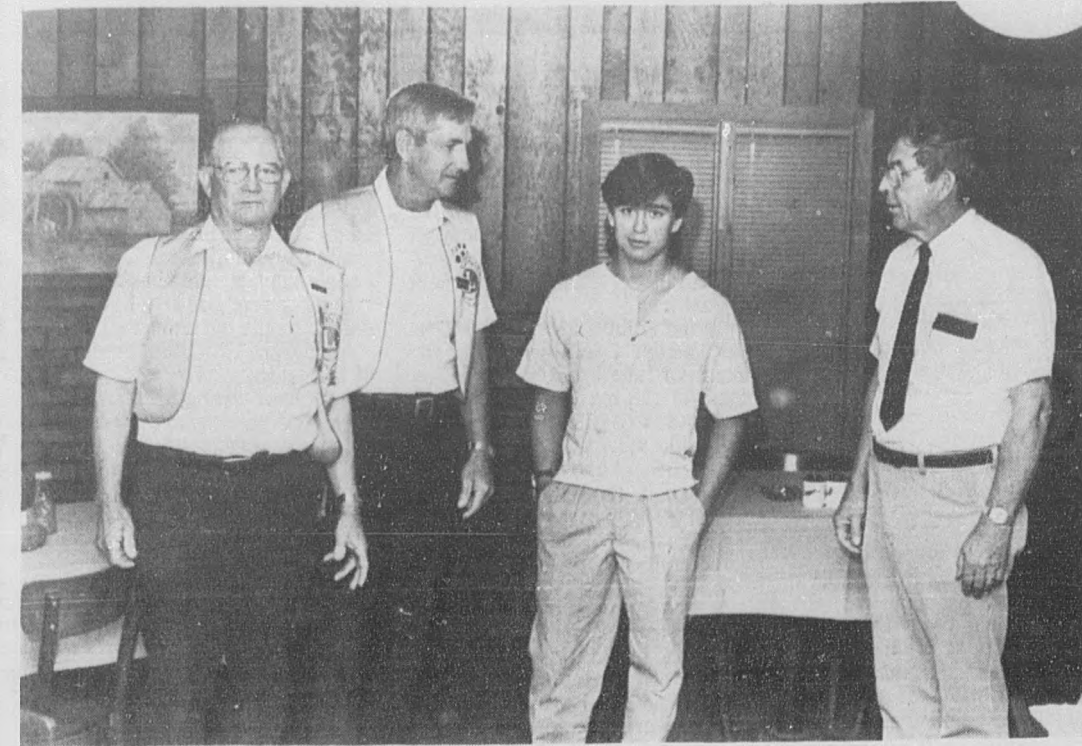
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ELBA LIONS GREET EXCHANGE STUDENT...Sergio Leon, an exchange student at Elba High School during the 1987-88 school year was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Elba Lions Club. The exchange student, from Mexico, told the Lions that he felt the school system in the United States was suited more to the students than the system in Mexico and told the local organization that he had enjoyed his eight month stay in Elba. Pictured talking after the meeting are (l-r) Grady Farris, Rex Boutwell, Sergio Leon and George Hocutt.

Alabama Releases Dean's List

Elba students on the Dean's List at The University of Alabama for spring semester include:
Art Brunson, Brian English, Lesley Ham and Susan King.



Pictured are women recognized at Elba 1st Baptist for being active in the WMU for over 50 years. (L-R): Lorene Sawyer, Lucile DeVane, IDelle Whitman and Katherine Mullins. (Not pictured but recognized was Mary Dowling.) Each of these ladies has served in leadership roles in the BWC Circle, the oldest circle in the church.

Elba 1st Baptist Honors Ladies

The First Baptist Church of Elba recently celebrated the Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention's female missionary organization, the Women's Missionary Union, during Sunday evening worship, May 15.

The ladies gathered, many of them in old-fashioned dress, to recount their heritage and to affirm their future in missions support and education.

Dr. Doug Dorich, pastor of the church, preached a special sermon in honor of the esteemed history of the WMU organization.

"From the very beginning," Dr. Dorich asserted, "four fundamentals of the WMU have surfaced. These fundamentals are promotion

of mission study, stewardship, community missions, and prayer. We are indebted today to the pioneers of women's work in the Southern Baptist Convention for their insistence that these basic concerns be at the forefront of the church's work and mission."

Five circles or groups are active in First Baptist at the present time, with one of these, the BWC, being active for 52 years. The circles promote missions involvement and education through the program organizations of the church.

After the evening worship service, the congregation enjoyed a Centennial birthday party in the fellowship hall.

Peanut Short Course Set June 16

Area peanut producers are invited to attend the 11th annual Peanut Pest Management Short Course, Thursday, June 16 at the Wiregrass Experiment Station in Headland. The day-long workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and is free of charge to all attendees.

The purpose of the short course is for peanut producers, scouts, consultants and agronomists to learn how to identify insect disease, weeds and nematode in peanuts. The course will also demonstrate techniques and procedures on how to check for pests.

Extension specialists from Auburn University and the Headland substation will lead the course. The Auburn specialists include Dr. John French, head of Extension Pest Management; Dr. Austin Hagen, Extension Plant Pathologist; and Dr. Joe Everest, Extension Weed Specialist. Specialists from Headland will be Dallas Hartzog, Peanut Agronomist and Ron Weeks, Pest Management Specialist.

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FFA WINNER - The Elba FFA String Band captured third place in the recent Southeast District FFA contest eliminations held in Troy. Members of this award-winning band are (L - R): Derrick Stinson, Chuck Daugherty, Tara Rhoades, Chad Tindol, Ron Bryant, and Lee Coleman. Mr. Mike Harrelson is FFA advisor and agronomy education instructor at Elba High School. The band won a chapter banner and a cash award.



FFA QUARTET WINNER - The Elba FFA Quartet won second place during the recent Southeast District Eliminations held in Troy. Members of this award-winning quartet are (L - R): Amelia Bedsole, Krysti Owens, Mandy Ham, and Whitney Wise. Pictured with the quartet is FFA advisor and agronomy education instructor at Elba High School, Mike Harrelson. For their efforts the quartet won a chapter banner and a cash award.



DISTRICT WINNERS - The Elba FFA Dairy Judging Team won fourth place in the Southeast District FFA Contest eliminations held in Troy recently. Members of this award-winning team are (L - R): Spence Ziglar, Kirby Lansford, Jason Hodge, and not shown Lance Tindol. Pictured with the team is Mike Harrelson FFA advisor and agronomy education instructor at Elba High School.

Elba High FFA Holds 1988 Awards Banquet

SHILOH ALLEN
Reporter

The Elba FFA Chapter held its annual Awards Banquet on May 12, to honor outstanding students for their year of hard work.

Attending the banquet were FFA members, their parents and other guests.

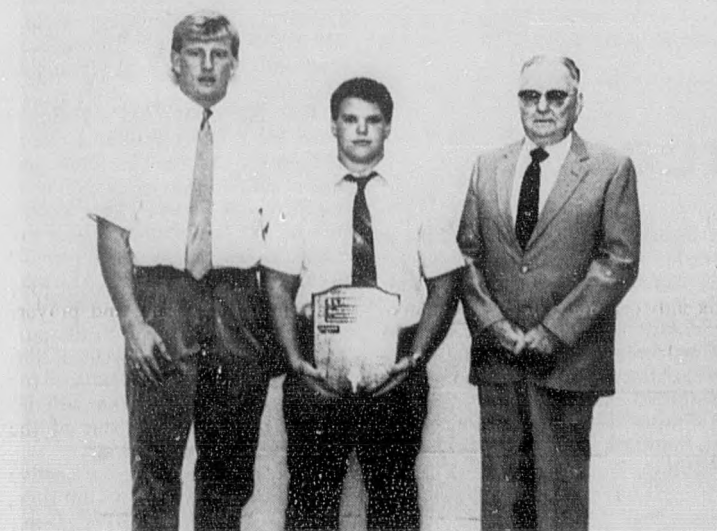
The opening ceremony was carried out by the officers, with president Troy Kelley presiding. Members and guests were served hamburgers and their choice of covered dishes prepared by FFA members.

The FFA String Band and FFA

Quartet provided entertainment during the meal.

Mike Harrelson, Elba FFA advisor, thanked everyone for attending and praised the efforts of the FFA members for their successful year during his first year as FFA advisor and Agronomy teacher at Elba High School.

Harrelson presented awards to the FFA members attending, and officers carried out the closing ceremony. President, Troy Kelley, adjourned the meeting.



The first annual R.S. Jones Award presented to the Most Outstanding FFA member - (L-R): Mike Harrelson, Advisor; Chris Grantham; Mr. R.S. Jones, retired Agronomy teacher and FFA advisor at Elba High School.

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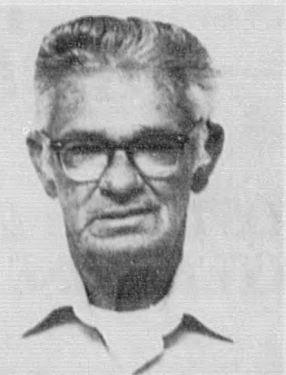
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Coffee County Commission District 1

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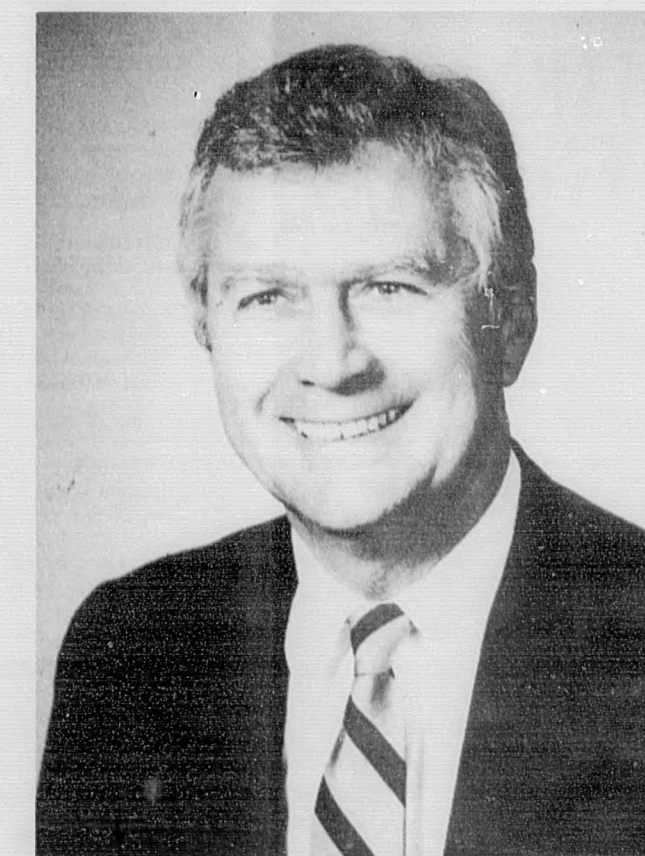
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- Community Service History: Barbour County Commission Attorney; Eufaula City Councilman, Mayor Pro Tem; Industrial Development Board Attorney; Library Board Trustee.
- Civil and Church Activities: Eufaula Citizen of the Year; President, Eufaula Heritage Association, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs; County Chairman, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, March of Dimes; lifelong member of First United Methodist Church; Sunday school teacher, youth and adults, for 25 years.
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BLEED THROUGH

Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

The rain last Tuesday afternoon rained out all the ballgames in town and left me with a shortage of sports, but I couldn't get upset because the rain was badly needed and way overdue. If it'll rain again this week I won't even fuss when the grass needs cutting!

LOOKING AROUND THE LEAGUES

The rain last week shortened all the schedules, but there was plenty of action in all the leagues and I thought I'd take a short trip around the leagues and highlight the happenings.

In **MINOR LEAGUE** the opening night of play lasted past 10:00 p.m. and nearly put everyone to sleep, but the action settled down by the end of the week and it looks the another exciting year for the kids. The most action at the park happened when a mother threw a ball to her son and slipped, breaking her leg!

In **DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE** action two extra inning games grabbed the spotlight. The Tigers and Pirates tied up in a wild seven-inning affair in which the Tigers knocked two home runs, while in the nightcap the pitchers took command as the Mets nipped the Cardinals 1-0 in seven-innings. The pitching has been a little weak during the DYL season; however, many of the pitchers are beginning to catch up.

In **BABE RUTH LEAGUE** play the Reds went wild in a big win over the Dodgers and maybe they aren't dead after all! The A's are close behind and have the talent to win it all, while the White Sox still have a shot at the crown and the Dodgers will get to play the role of the spoilers. This league will go down to the wire before it crowns a champ!

In **MENS SOFTBALL** the Hickman Movers are the team to beat, while Cook Chevrolet seems to have lost a little of its confidence and may be in a real fight with the Coffee County Merchants, Elba Merchants and Kelleys Packing for a spot in the top division. This league has two divisions of teams and it would be fun to see two four-team divisions battle it out for a week or two.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK NAMED

There were only two games played in each league last week, which made this week's picks both easy and difficult. It made it easy because there weren't many games to check out, but it made it hard because of the same reason. Oh well, here we go with this week's The Elba Clipper/Championship Trophies "Players of the Week."

In **Dixie Youth** this week's top player is Cory Driggers, of the Mets. Driggers broke his wrist before the season started and has just begun to play, but last week he looked like a veteran as he handcuffed the Cardinals for a total of four-innings without a hit and struckout 10 batters to lead his team to a 1-0 win. Honorable mention goes to David Yelverton, Kevin Boswell, Charles Bozeman, Keith Grantham, Zack Steele and Vincent Thielen.

In **Babe Ruth** this week's honored player is Joe Johnson, of the Reds. Johnson pitched four-innings in a win over the Dodgers and allowed only 3 hits, while striking out 5 batters and walking none. At the plate he went 2 for 3 with 3 rbi's and scored 3 runs. Not a bad night! Honorable mention goes to Eric Simmons, Mark Magwood, John Jacobs, Shane Blanton and Shane Spurlin.

IN CLOSING...

I know that this week's column is a little shorter than usual, but even though my body's at work, I guess my mind took Memorial Day off!

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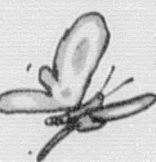
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Sports

Extra inning games highlight DYL action



DYL ACTION...Eddie Cowen, of the Mets, takes a cut at a pitch during action in Dixie Youth League baseball. Cowen plays second base for the Mets, which are in third place in the league.

The Dixie Youth Baseball League hit the field only one night last week but what a night it was as both games went into extra innings!

The Astros lead the league standings with a 5-1 record, followed by the Tigers 5-2, Mets 4-3, Yankees 2-4, Pirates 2-5 and Cardinals 2-5. Following are highlights of last week's action:

TIGERS 9
PIRATES 8

The Tigers scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to nip the Pirates 9-8. The Tigers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the game and led 6-2 after two innings, but the Pirates slowly battled back and scored 4 runs in the sixth inning to send the game into extra innings. The Pirates went down in order in the seventh, but the Tigers loaded the bases on two walks and a hit

and won the game when Keith Grantham scored on a wild pitch! Charles Bozeman got 2 hits, including a home-run, to lead the Tigers, while Ernest Baker also added a home-run. Zack Steele got 3 hits for the Pirates.

METS 1
CARDINALS 0

The Mets pushed across the only run of the game in the seventh inning to slip past the Cardinals 1-0. The game was a pitching contest from start to finish as the Mets Kevin Boswell and Cory Driggers combined for a 1 hitter with 15 strikeouts, while Cardinal pitcher David Yelverton tossed a 4 hitter with 14 strikeouts.

The game ended when Demaris Barnes led off the seventh with a single and later raced home on a hit by Heath Bragg.

Atlanta Falcons to meet Redskins Aug. 27 in Birmingham

Tickets went on sale June 1 for the World Championship Washington Redskins and Atlanta Falcons final preseason football game on August 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Birmingham's Legion Field.

Tickets are \$20.50 each and are available at all FASTIX locations and 1-800-323-5132 outside Alabama.

The Redskins, led by Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams, fared well in the recent NFL draft and also acquired Wilber Marshall from the Chicago Bears. The Falcons, one of the few teams to beat the Redskins last season, also enjoyed a great draft and picked Auburn's Aundray Bruce in the first round.

Former Alabama great Harry Gilmer and Auburn Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan will be honored during halftime ceremonies by the Redskins and Falcons.

June 5-11 is Safe Boating Week in Alabama

Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt recently designated June 5-11 as "National Safe Boating Week" in the state and Marine Police Director William B. Garner said the observance will mark the 30th annual event since 1958, when Safe Boating Week was first enacted by the U.S. Congress and presidential proclamation. Since that time, the number of recreational boats registered in Alabama has grown from 65,000 to over 210,000.

Recreational boating is fun, but each year over 1,000 people nationally lose their lives in boating accidents. Twenty-four Alabamians lost

their lives in 1987 boating accidents and according to safety records most accidents are the results of capsizing, falling overboard or collisions of small boats in inland waters. Those who died were just out fishing, water skiing or cruising. Since only one or two people are usually killed in a boating accident, the accidents are usually overlooked by the public.

For more information on boating safety contact Lt. B.R. Huffaker, Alabama Marine Police, 64 N. Union St., Montgomery, AL 36130.

Kelley's Packing wins 1st place in All-American Softball Classic

The Kelley's Packing softball team, from Elba, competed in the All-American Classic last weekend in Ozark and claimed five straight wins to take the tournament championship.

Kelley's defeated Van Huesen, of Ozark, 12-3; Brundidge Bulls 21-2; Snuff City Merchants, of Samson, 3-2; ESJC 7-4 and Snuff City, again, 15-12 to take the title.

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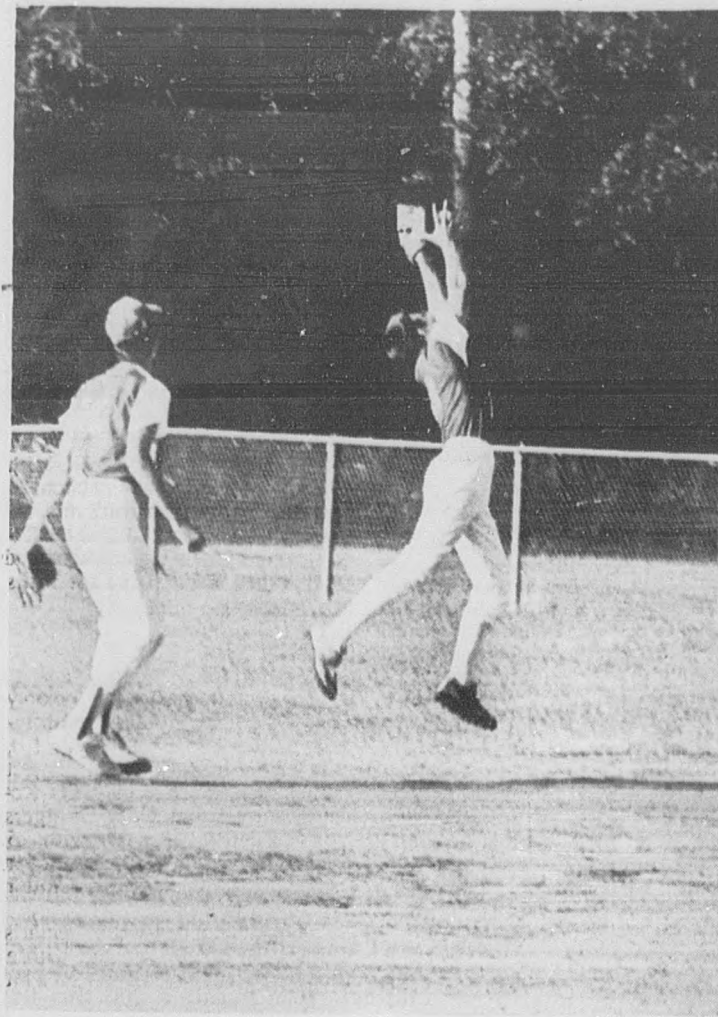
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ACROBATIC CATCH...John Jacobs makes an acrobatic catch of a flyball near the foul line in Babe Ruth action. Jacobs bobbled the ball, but got possession and tumbled across the line to make the out.

Plenty of runs scored in Minor League baseball

The Minor League baseball season opened last week with plenty of action in every game. Following are league highlights:

ANGELS 19
INDIANS 9

The Angels led all the way to scalp the Indians 19-9. The Angels led 6-0 early and rolled to the win.

Doug Grimes, Mason Adcock and Clint Tindall scored 3 runs apiece for the Angels, while Lee English, Jeremy Pippin and Jeff Pippin all scored 2 runs. Randy Dodd scored 3 runs for the Indians, while Kevin Dodd scored 2.

BRaves 16
GIANTS 12

The Braves rallied late to ambush the Giants 16-12. The win was tied at 9-9 after three innings, but the Braves rallied for the win.

LaDon Daniels, Jamie Holley and Derrick Daniels scored 3 runs apiece for the Braves, while Jake Cowen and Wade Parker both scored 2. Derek Marler, Wesley Johnson and Marcus Parker all scored 3 runs for the Giants, while Jamie Hall scored 2.

EXPOS 22
RED SOX 10

The Expos scored early and often to rip the Red Sox 22-10. The Sox jumped ahead 6-0 early in the game, but the Expos took the lead in the bottom of the inning and ran away with the win.

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Reds & A's remain atop Babe Ruth

The Babe Ruth Baseball League had an abbreviated schedule last week due to the rain, but there was plenty of action the night the teams

did hit the field as the Reds woke up to remain atop the league standings.

The Reds lead the league with a

6-3 record, while the A's are in second place with a 5-4 slate and are followed by the White Sox 4-5 and the Dodgers 3-6.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

REDS 18
DODGERS 3

The Reds exploded early and cruised to a lopsided 18-3 win over the Dodgers. The Reds failed to score in the first inning, but plated seven runs in the second to take the lead, added seven more runs in the third and breezed to the win.

Joe Johnson, Mark Magwood

A's 9
WHITE SOX 4

The A's combined 3 hits with 12 walks to stroll past the White Sox 9-4. The A's and Sox were tied at 4-4 after three innings, but the A's slipped ahead in the fourth and then pulled away for the win.

Hunter Hudson got 2 hits for the A's, while Shane Blanton got 2 hits for the Sox.

SCHEDULES

BABE RUTH BASEBALL

7:00 - Red Sox vs. Indians
8:00 - Royals vs. Giants

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

6:00 - Reds vs. Dodgers
8:00 - White Sox vs. A's

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

6:00 - White Sox vs. A's
8:00 - Reds vs. Dodgers

MENS SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 - Kleineris vs. County Merchants

7:30 - Independents vs. Claxton Corner

MONDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 - Cook Chevrolet vs. Kelleys Packing

7:30 - Kleineris vs. Independents

8:30 - County Merchants vs. Elba Merchants

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

6:30 - Claxton Corner vs. Hickman Movers

7:30 - Elba Merchants vs. Cook Chevrolet

8:30 - Kelleys Packing vs. Kleineris

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

VOTE FOR & ELECT ROBERT G. STEPHENS

**Coffee County Commission
District 3**

I would like to **THANK** everyone for their kindness and courtesy during this campaign. I have tried to visit every home in **DISTRICT 3**, but I have not been able to do this because I like to take the time to talk with everyone instead of just leaving a card. I will continue to visit the residents in **DISTRICT 3** after the election because I want to discuss the needs of **DISTRICT 3** with each and every citizen!

I have served on the **COUNTY COMMISSION** for 1 year and 10 months and ask for your **VOTE** and **SUPPORT** to **ELECT** me for a full term.

Even though I have not been on the commission for a complete term, I am proud of the many accomplishments that have been made in **COFFEE COUNTY** since I have been in office. I would like to share these accomplishments with you:

*The financial condition of **COFFEE COUNTY** is consistently improving and **\$400,000** has been paid on the county's debt since I have been in office. Give me a chance to help eliminate the remainder of the debt!

*The commission has voted to allocate the funds to improve the courthouse and will continue to fund the project until the courthouse and grounds are something everyone can take pride in!

*I have **VOTED** and **WORKED** to keep and add to everything we have in **DISTRICT 3** and will continue to do so! I will do whatever is necessary to make sure the Welfare Department (Human Resource Dept.), Health Department, County Jail and Courthouse remain where they are now and have been for many, many years. Like I've said before "If Coffee County owns an **OUTHOUSE** in **DISTRICT 3** let's just give it a new coat of paint, add another seat and keep it open!"

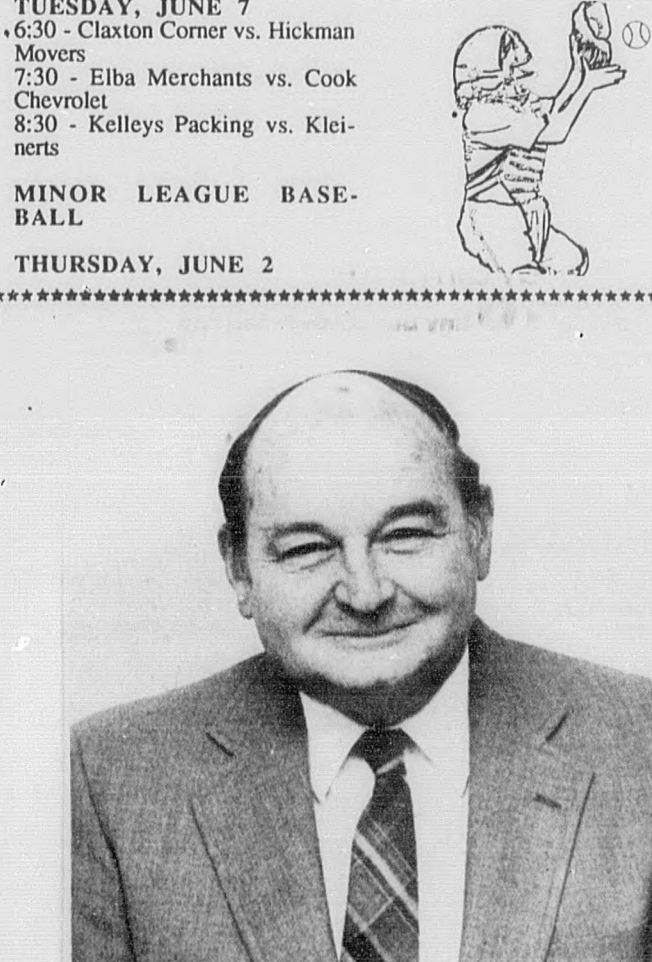
*I have worked with the teachers and parents in both Elba and Kinston to insure that every single student receives the same share of money as students in other parts of the county.

*I have been able to help Elba and Kinston with their athletic fields and have been instrumental in getting help for Elba with the levee. I have worked with and helped Kinston and Ino improve their **FIRE DEPARTMENTS**.

*In our **RURAL COMMUNITIES** the commission has improved the condition of the dirt roads. I will continue to work to pave or make all-weather roads out of all our dirt roads.

*A total of 5 contracts have just been awarded for **\$237,000** to resurface roads in **COFFEE COUNTY** and the work should begin within 60 days. Many other roads are also in the planning stages for resurfacing and on **HIGHWAY 38** we have rebuilt a bridge and will build another bridge on the road and then resurface the

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roadway. *The commission has just completed reconstructing 5 wooden bridges at a cost of \$15,000 each. These bridges are paid for and we plan to build 6 more later this year.

*The county has a new system for getting gas at the county shop and the regulation of gas usage has resulted in a savings of almost \$2,000 a month to the county! If you **ELECT** me to a full term I pledge to do what is best for the people of **COFFEE COUNTY** and **DISTRICT 3**. These projects include:

***PAVING** - Making every dirt road an all-weather road and resurfacing all the county roads.

***RENOVATIONS** - To see that the fountain on the courthouse lawn in Elba is completed and operational for years to come.

***DEBT FREE** - I will work hard to see that Coffee County will become one of the 5-7 counties in the state that are debt free.

***CARING** - I will visit all the citizens in District 3 and listen to their problems and concerns so that county government will be closer to the people.

***BEAUTIFY** - I will work to help clean up Coffee County through the use of a better garbage system.

***SAFETY** - I would like to work with the sheriff to continue renovations on the county jail to keep the prisoners behind bars and cut down on the number of escapes.

The commissioners recently appointed me to serve as **COFFEE COUNTY'S** representative on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission. This commission works with governing bodies in acquiring grants and bringing industry to the area. Elba is seeking a grant at this time and Coffee County has applied for a rural water grant that if approved will provide valuable assistance to the Ino Community.

Elect me and let me serve on this commission for the next 4 years. I will work to see that Coffee County and the cities in the county receive grants and additional industry.

BLEED THROUGH

Jeff Inman Completes Seventh Grade



Jeff Inman, 12-year-old son of former Elba native David Inman, recently completed the seventh grade at Bragg Jr. High School in Gardendale.

During the year Jeff was selected class favorite, student with the most school spirit, vice president of the Math Club, and runner on the Bragg track team.

At the end of the school year, Jeff received a trophy for having all A's each six weeks, a certificate for outstanding achievement in physical education, and was tapped into the Bragg Jr. High Honor Society.

Jeff is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Inman of Elba.

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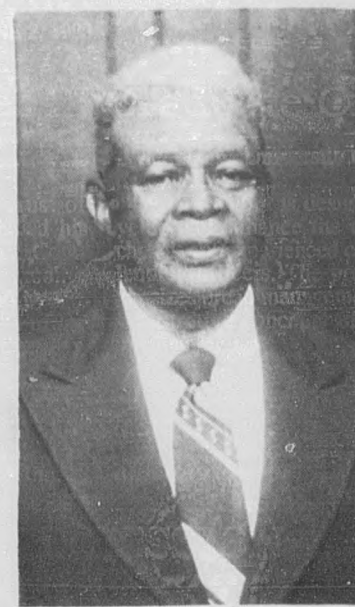
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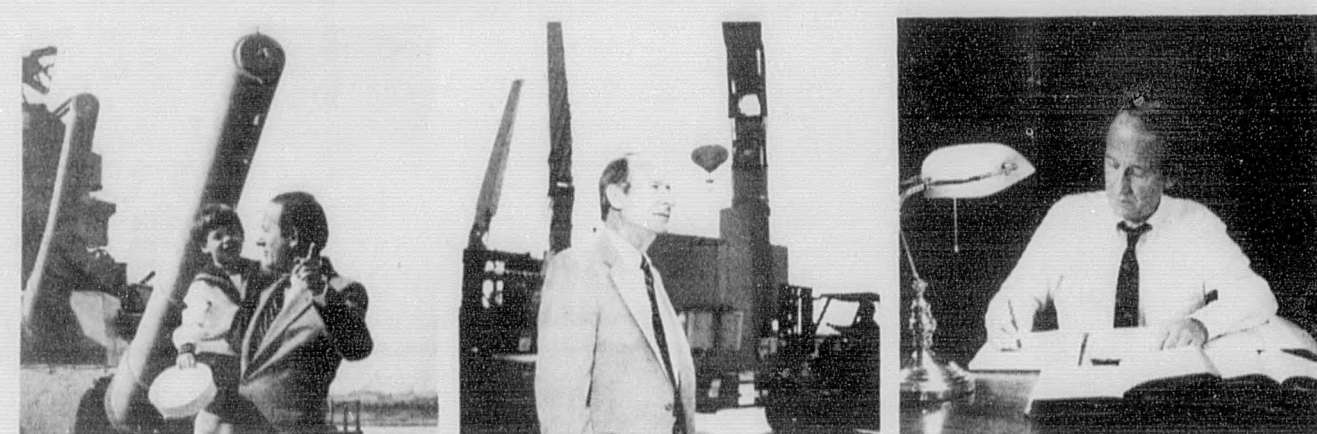
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Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there by any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things which ye have both learned and received and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you.

Phil. 4:4-9

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Mrs. Ollie Peterson, Mrs. Joyce Johnson, Rev. Freddie Flowers, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Carolyn Lawrence, Mrs. Mary Magwood, Mrs. Callie Coleman.

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Committee chairpersons: Church enrollment - Charity Lawrence; personal enrollment - Lajanya Knox.

Recommendation Committee - Cecilia Lawrence.

Hospitality Committee - Lizzie Sears.

Officers: Carlos Magwood - president; Yvonne Seary, vice president; Falisha Cole, 2nd vice president; Fabrika Tullis - secretary; Anthony Brooks - corresponding secretary.

Tanisha Brown - treasurer; David Rowe - chaplain.

All youth are asked to bring Bibles. ***Vera Williams, Allie Henderson, Lucinda and Juan Carpenter, Leo and Wilma Henderson, and Christina Carpenter were absent from Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union which convened at the Friendship Baptist Church, Glenwood, on May 29. Also the Rocky Head Young Adult Choir. Missed y'all Elba.

***Haven't forgotten you, Mrs. Odessa Pruitt, Mrs. Ella Mae Shipman, Mrs. Rena Felton, Mrs. Annie M. Siler, Mrs. Susie McMillian, Mr. Ardis Williams, Mrs. Susie Rowe, Mrs. Nora Warren, Mrs. Fannie Brooks, Mrs. Willie M. Ellard, and Mrs. Allie Berry. Love ya!

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"Hope lets me wish for something and with expectation of its fulfillment."

"Love is kind, patient and long-suffering. God is love. Love never fails!"

Love is a brilliant, able and very articulate young woman. Combine these traits with the kind of commitment and dedication she displays and you will note that she is a special person to all who know her.

Joyce, I am glad to be your third-door neighbor on Rt. 2, Old Curtis Rd., Elba. God bless you always, Eria.

***Those attending the Ebony Las Donas Club's Mother's Day Program and Dinner included:

Mrs. Grace Simmons, Mrs. Glarene Jones, Corine Daniels, Juanita Scott, Alice Blue, Porcia Jones, Alice Folmar, Roberta Magwood, Alzie M. Davis, Elma Hammond, Everette Askew, L. Odessa Jones, Nary Purvis, Flay W. Hurt, Johnnie Daniels, Ethel Horstead, Eva M. Rayborn, Doris Waters, Noble Rayborn, Gladys Mincey, Clyde Goosby, Onie Wade, Mae Liza Smith, Alice Blue, Edwin Williams, Lenora Siler, Juanita Askew, Mary Robinson, JoAnn Ellard, Lucile Wade, Rosa Magwood, Clara Dozier, Margaret Rowe, Joyce Jones (speaker), Mamie Speed, Nadean White, Lorene Cole, Vivian Cole, Gladys Yelverton, Ernestine Kelley and Lois Belcher.

Mrs. Gladys Mincey was the oldest mother present - then Mrs. Alie Blue and Mrs. Ladessa Jones.

Mrs. Hannah Coleman and Mrs. Mary Magwood were unable to attend. Pray for them.

The members of the Ebony Las Donas Club are to be commended for such a grand affair in honor of mothers. God bless each of you is my prayer. Eria.

***Matron's Day Program of the Piney Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Johnny C. Lawrence, pastor, was held June 19, at 2:30 p.m.

Theme: "Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord." Psalm 118:19.

M.C. - Sis. Carolyn Lawrence; welcome - Sis. Louise Stoudmire; matron's pledge - Alice Dozier; solo - Sis. Catherine Spears; occasion - Sis. Ollie Henderson; solo - Sis. Hattie Mae Reeves; speaker - Rev. C. Hollis; recognition of visiting churches - Sis. Annie P. Siler.

Rev. Johnny C. Lawrence is pastor; Sis. Annie P. Siler is president; Sis. Cora Hines - secretary; Sis. Ollie Henderson - treasurer.

***Happy belated birthday wishes to Yvonne Seary on May 19.

Have a good day! Eria.

TIPS FOR THE HOMEMAKER

Sandra T. Coffey
County Agent

***The following editorial was written by Maureen Carrigan, a godparent for our Mastery of Motherhood (MOM) program:

"Can the simple act of talking cure Alabama's infant mortality woes? If it can the talk leads to positive action. That's the hope of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service's new program designed to do battle with Alabama's infant mortality rate - now the highest in the nation.

"Mastery of Motherhood (MOM) is a six-week-long pilot program that gathers pregnant women and women with young children in 27 counties of the state to talk about prenatal nutrition and development.

"An important component of the MOM classes are the volunteer godparents that are paired with the mothers. They help provide transportation to class and act as non-judgemental friends who can lend an ear or invite the young mothers out for a break. No matter how the relationship grows, the godparent functions as a role model and offers the pregnant woman an alternative view on life. Godparents need not be parents on their own to offer support and friendship.

"Recently the first class of MOM graduates received their diplomas. During the classes they discussed nutrition, basic cooking skills, parenting techniques, exercise, breast feeding, labor and delivery, among other issues.

"Teresa Whitaker, a member of the first graduating class, expressed her feelings about the classes: 'I now realize how important nutrition is. Talking with the other pregnant women in the class really helped me because this is my first baby. I loved the classes; I'd like to attend other classes.'

"Infant mortality involves several interlocking factors. The lack of many residents to afford medical insurance; lack of understanding about the importance of prenatal care and the effects of nutrition on the developing fetus; and the extreme shortage of practicing obstetricians in the state.

"Currently 29 counties in Alabama have no obstetrical care.

"Despite the complexity of the problem, Auburn University, working through the Cooperative Extension Service, hopes to curb the infant death rate through changing nutritional practices of pregnant women and, consequently, raise the birth weights of their babies. New-borns weighing less than five-and-a-half pounds are considered high risk and research shows that they are more likely to experience complications during the crucial first year of life."

"The educational mission of the Coffee County Extension Service 1. to improve the quality of lives of our citizens. MOM is just one of many programs designed to provide information, support and assistance in Coffee County. We need your support by volunteering as godparents and by making referrals to our programs.

***For more information on Mastery of Motherhood call the Extension Service at 894-5596 and ask for MOM.

***"Aging Up '88 - Independence Is Ageless" - will be held in 12 locations around Alabama in June. The day-long workshops will focus on health promotion, with an emphasis on sensible food choices and exercise for the older adult.

The meetings are scheduled in Ozark on June 14, and Andalusia June 15. For more information and pre-registration, contact Sandra Coffey at the county Extension Office, 894-5596. Deadline for registration is June 10.

Foster Completes Traffic Management Course At Ft. Eustis

Pvt. Steven Foster, son of Bert Foster, of New Brockton, has completed the traffic management coordinator course at the U.S. Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Va.

The course was designed to prepare enlisted personnel to supervise, coordinate and control movement of personnel and cargo by air, rail, highway and water.

He is a 1987 graduate of New Brockton High School.

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HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE...The lovely brick home of Mrs. Charles Harrison was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday, June 1. The Elba Fire Department responded quickly to the blaze and appeared to be making progress on extinguishing the fire, but the trucks at the scene exhausted their water supply and the house was engulfed in flames by the time the trucks returned with their tanks filled. Mrs. Harrison was away from the home at the time of the fire and returned to find firemen fighting in vain to extinguish the blaze.

Smart & Dubose to meet in runoff

The Democratic and Republican parties held their primary elections Tuesday, June 7 and while there were a number of tight races in both primaries there will be only two names on the ballot on June 28 when the Democrats hold a runoff election.

The lone runoff will take place in the County Commission race in District 1 where Leon Smart will meet Jim Dubose. Smart led a five candidate field in Tuesday's election

with 524 votes, or 43%, while Jim Dubose followed in second place with 324 votes. Incumbent commissioner Jimmy Bryan finished third with 210 votes and rounding out the candidates were Douglas Harrelson with 126 and Sammie Wambles 34.

In the County Commission race in District 2 two-time incumbent Billy Eagerton survived a challenge from Joe Green. Eagerton received 397 votes to outdistance Green,

who tallied 231 votes. County Commissioner Robert G. Stephens was successful in his first step to be elected to a full term to the commission from District 3. Stephens, who was appointed to fill the term of late-Comm. Billy Paul Owens, received 439 votes to win the party nomination without a runoff. Malcom Davis placed second in the three candidate field with 245 votes and John Carnley finished third with 154 votes.

Two-time incumbent Eugene Bradley outdistanced former commissioner Marvin Bowden in the County Commission race in District 4 as he tallied 430 votes to

Bowden's 348. The night's closest race was for Constable in Beat 8 where Ben Moates received 115 votes to narrowly defeat N.W. Williams, who received 106 votes.

In the Coffee County Board of Election race in Beat 5, Rubin McKinnon easily defeated Ozie Tubbs 389-86.

The recent redistricting in the county placed a near-equal number of voters in each district; however, in Tuesday's election on the Democratic side the race in District 1

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County unemployment rate dips

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations recently released its monthly report on labor market news and in the report it was revealed that during the month of April the unemployment rate in Coffee County dipped to 5.9 percent, a drop of almost an entire point from the 6.7 percent rate in March.

The figures showed that in Coffee County there were 1,040 workers unemployed during April out of a workforce of some 17,560.

The local rate is well below the state average of 6.8 percent, but slightly above the national rate of 5.3 percent.

Human Resources now accepting applications for aid in collections

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources is currently accepting applications from non-ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) families who have not applied to obtain delinquent child support payments through the interception of federal and state income tax refunds.

Applications made now would be for the interception of tax refunds absent parents would receive in 1989.

Thus far this year, statewide support collected through tax refund intercepts has totalled more than \$2.7 million.

"In non-ADC cases the family is seeking child support from an absent parent rather than receiving welfare benefits," explained Ron Smith, director of the Coffee County Department of Human Resources.

"A non-ADC family receiving child support services through the Department of Human Resources is not automatically eligible for the income tax intercept program."

In order to be eligible for the program, non-ADC households must provide the name and correct social security number of the absent parent who owes the delinquent payments; the delinquent amount must be at least \$500; the child

support debt must be undisputed and the child or children for whom the support obligation is due must be less than 19 years of age.

Non-ADC households pay one application fee for regular child support services and then pay a separate application fee for the tax refund intercept program.

"For child support services the application fee ranges from \$5 to \$25, depending upon household income," stated Smith. "An additional \$5 fee must be paid for the tax refund intercept program."

Persons interested in the program and who are not presently receiving child support services through the Department of Human Resources, should call 897-3424 before July 29, 1988, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to make an appointment to apply for service. Application for the 1988 certification will be accepted through August 5, 1988.

Persons already receiving child support services through the department will be contacted by letter to apply for the refund program.

Law officers in state expect record year in 1988 for confiscation of marijuana plants in Alabama

The Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program in Alabama got underway in May, according to Colonel Thomas H. Wells, Public Safety Director, marking the state's seventh year of participation in the nationwide program, sponsored by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Forest Service.

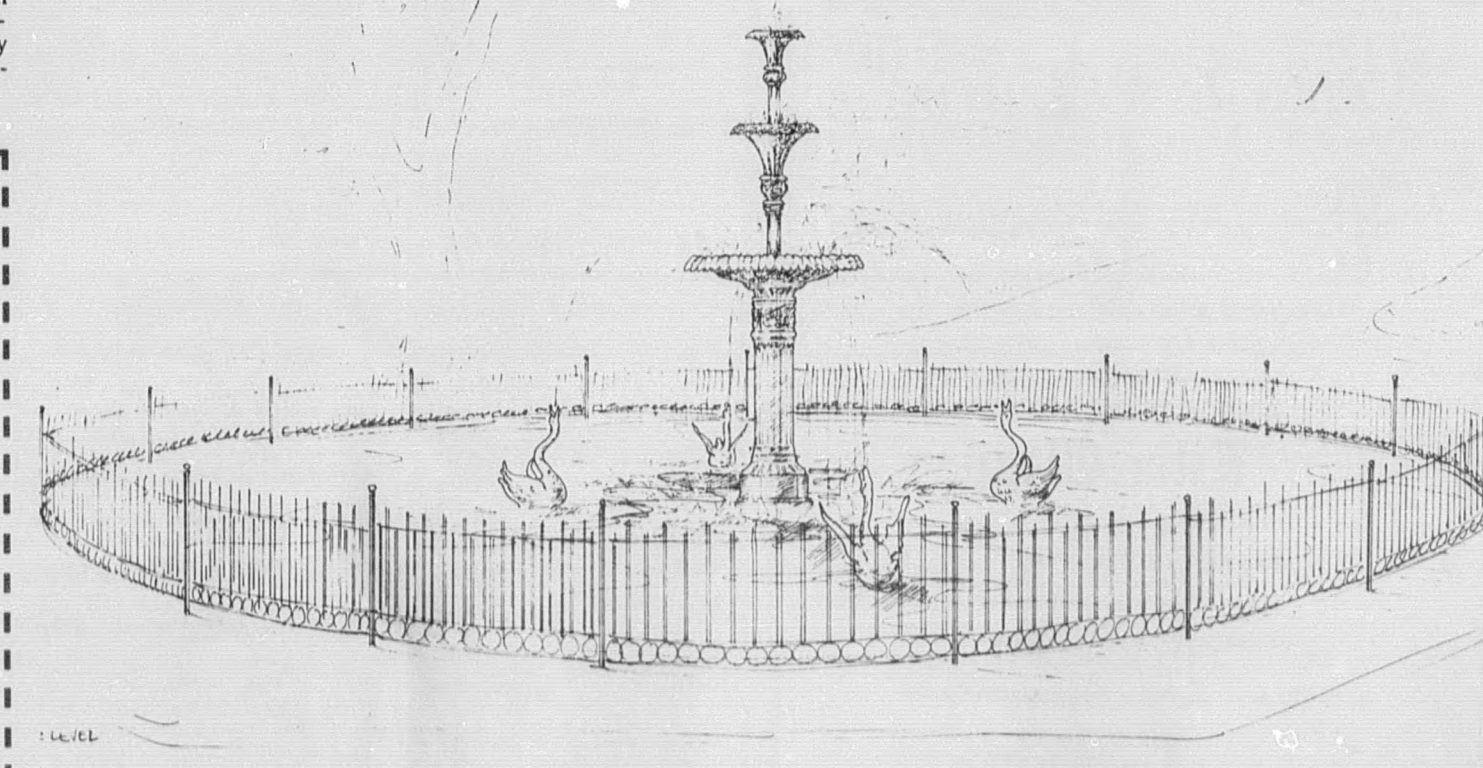
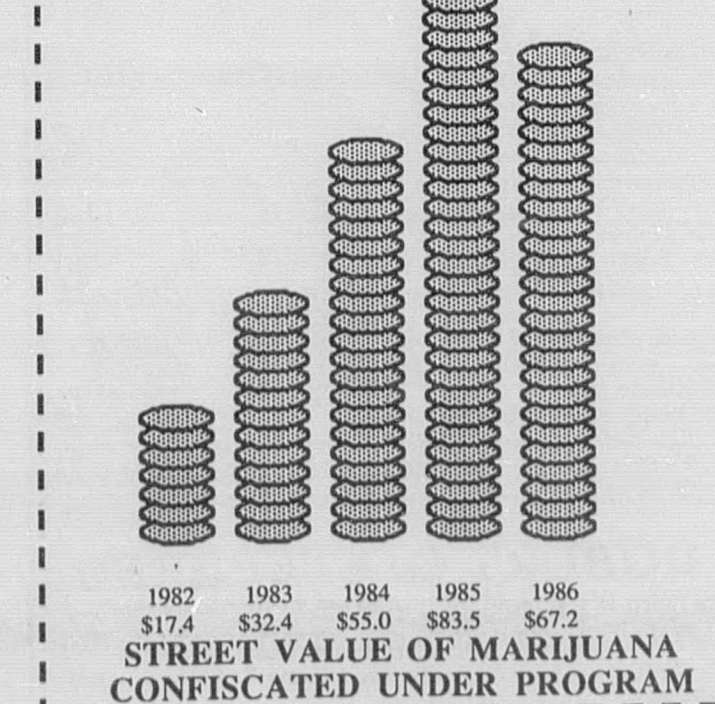
"The overall results of the program to locate and destroy the state's domestic marijuana crop have been outstanding," stated Wells. "The combined efforts of state, city and county law enforcement officers have resulted in the destruction of thousands of home-grown marijuana plants each year and we anticipate a record year in 1988."

Reports through May 15 indicated that 3,023 plants valued at \$2.4 million had been destroyed and two arrests made.

In 1987, the program netted 160,272 plants valued at more than \$128 million, earning Alabama a 7th place ranking nationwide in the number of plants destroyed.

The Public Safety's Narcotics Unit manages the program in the state and maintains data on the marijuana collection and destruction. Other state agencies active in the program include the ABC Board and the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources. State Trooper pilots locate much of the marijuana and alert local Sheriff's Departments and police officials, which then assist in the destruction of the plants.

Wells stated that illegally grown marijuana or any illegal drug activity may be reported anonymously by calling the statewide toll-free number 1-800-392-8011.



PROJECT "FOUNTAIN FUND" UNDERWAY...Citizens of Elba and Coffee County have an opportunity to beautify the courthouse grounds in Elba by taking part in project "Fountain Fund." Construction has begun on a new fountain at the courthouse lawn in Elba and the fountain pictured above should be ready for delivery within six to eight weeks. The new fountain will include a lighted pool, fountain and iron fence and all residents are encouraged to help raise the funds needed to complete the project. Contributions up to \$100 will be recorded in a register and contributions from \$100-500 will be recorded on a plaque in the courthouse. Memorials of \$500 and up will be recorded on a plaque on the fence surrounding the fountain. Residents are asked to send contributions to the Elba Flowing Well Restoration Fund, c/o City Hall, Elba, Alabama 36323.